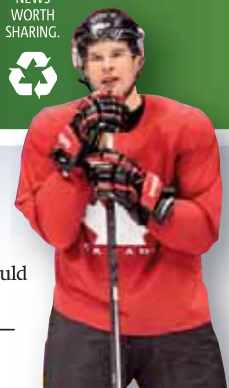


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- **7:05 a.m.** Marianne St-Gelais — who won silver at this in Vancouver — could be racing for another medal at the short track in the women's 500-metre.
- **9 a.m.** Christine Nesbitt — one of Canada's most decorated speedskaters — races in the women's 1,000-metre. She's a three-time world champion, and the reigning Olympic champion in that distance. **GREG DOWNS/FOR METRO**



## MORE THAN A GAMES

Canada's Denny Morrison, silver medallist, jumps in celebration during the flower ceremony for the men's 1,000-metre speedskating race at the Adler Arena Skating Center in Sochi Wednesday. For more on the heartwarming story of how he came to win the medal and more Olympic coverage see pages 25-28.

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# U.S. brothel mogul wants his bunnies in Alberta cities

**Targeting oil men.**  
'They are still illegal in Canada': Councillor



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Nevada brothel mogul Denis Hof sees opportunity in resource-rich Alberta, but it's not the province's oil he's after.

Owner of the Moonlite Bunny Ranch chain, Hof said Edmonton and Calgary are on his list of top five Canadian cities to open up a Bunny Ranch.

"There's no question that the oil is a factor," said Hof. "You've got a bunch of hard-working guys — they're like the miners in the 1850s in Nevada. These are tough guys that are out there working. They're making a lot of money and they want to spend it."

The owner of seven Bunny Ranches in Nevada, Hof said he's aware of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision to strike down this country's current prostitution laws as unconstitutional.

Once new legislation is penned, Hof said it'll be up to municipalities to see how the new rules are handled on a local level.

"They could put all sorts of rules on this ... if they go, 'We've decided we only want this to be in an industrial area and you can only operate from 3-9 p.m.,' then we aren't going to do that," he added.

While Edmonton may be a prime location for the next Bunny Ranch, Ward 12 councillor Amarjeet Sohi said it's unlikely residents will see a brothel move into the city any time soon.

"They are still illegal in Canada," Sohi said. "I don't know



**Dennis Hof, owner of the Moonlite Bunny Ranch chain. CONTRIBUTED**

how one can open an illegal business in our city for which the licence would not be granted."

Unlike body-rub parlours, which are legal in Edmonton, a brothel falls under a different category, said Sohi.

"It's a legal work that happens in the body-rub centres," he added.

As the federal government mulls changes to legislature, Sohi expects them to create regulations to control the selling of sex in the country.

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## Blackjack 'till 3 a.m. Alberta rolls the dice

Blackjack and other table games will be allowed to operate until 3 a.m. at Alberta casinos starting April 1, one hour longer than they can now.

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) announced the changes this week, which would bring the hours for table games in line with the same 17-hour window allowed for electronic gaming machines.

"A number of casino operators had expressed interest to have the hours of casino table games to be identical to those of casino slot machines," AGLC spokesperson Dan Huang said.

It will be up to individual casinos to determine if they want to extend their table-game hours, Huang added.

He said the AGLC consulted with casino operators as well as 400 charities and religious organizations last year before making the change.

Dr. Garry Smith, a researcher with the Alberta Gambling Research Institute, suggested a broader consultation would have been more appropriate.

"They really didn't consult anyone but people who would benefit from it," he said. "That's alright, but normally you would consult, maybe, the general public."

Smith said the availability of gambling has exploded in Alberta in the last 20 years.

"Calgary and Edmonton both have seven casinos," he said. "Toronto has none. New York City has none."

Separate poker rooms in Alberta casinos already operate 24 hours a day, while the rest of the casino is closed.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



The city is banking on the arena project driving investment downtown and an increase in property values that will offset the cost of building the structure.  
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# CRL area's values already increased

**Arena levy.** Assessed properties' worth up 13 per cent in 2013



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The area around the future downtown arena is already rising in value, according to numbers from the City of Edmonton.

The assessed value of properties inside the city's community revitalization zone rose 13 per cent last year, versus a city-wide average of 3.5 per cent.

The levy allows the city to

apply increased tax revenues from higher property assessments to catalyst projects designed to encourage development downtown, the largest one being the new arena.

Coun. Scott McKeen said he isn't surprised, and while it bodes well for the city's CRL, he always assumed the levy would cover the projects.

"Having studied that CRL fairly extensively, it was pretty clear to me that the city took a very conservative analysis," he said.

McKeen said he believes some of the growth in value can be attributed to the arena, but generally he believes it's about a cultural shift.

"We have a generation that is much more interested in living in the urban core, in using public transit, cycling and walking," he said.

Cory Wosnack, a principal with Avison Young, said much of the CRL boundary area includes top-tier office space, which has seen a steady and consistent increase in rents.

"The buildings right in the core saw the biggest change in the rental rates and that is the driver of the value," he said.

Wosnack said there have also been several sales of undeveloped land in the core, which also affects the ones that haven't sold.

"That has increased the

### CRL estimates

Some of the city's expectations for the CRL include:

- \$941 million in additional property taxes over the course of 20 years.
- \$199 million is the amount the city expects to use from the CRL to fund a portion of the arena and other surrounding projects.

perceived value of other land, because of the ones that have sold," he said.

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# Wildrose Party pitches its municipal funding scheme

**10-10 Plan.** Cities would get 10 per cent of tax revenue

**ROBSON FLETCHER**  
Metro in Calgary

Alberta's Wildrose party is proposing a new funding formula that it says would allow cities and towns to better meet their own infrastructure needs.

Calling it the "10/10 Community Infrastructure Transfer," Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith said Wednesday the system would see 10 per cent of provincial tax revenue and 10 per cent of budget surpluses go to municipalities.

The formula would see \$1.97 billion flow to Alberta municipalities in 2015/16, according to Wildrose estimates, compared to \$1.49 billion under the existing provincial system.

"Cities like Calgary, cities like Edmonton will get the funding levels that they need without having to raise taxes

## At a glance

- Edmonton received \$170 million for capital projects in 2013 through the existing Municipal Sustainability Initiative program.
- The province is handing down its budget on March 6.

municipalities have been looking for forever."

Coun. Andrew Knack said his only concern would be around whether the city would see surplus cash. He believes with so much to build it could be a long time before Alberta sees major surpluses again.

"I just don't think we're going to see that extra 10 per cent," said Knack.

Municipal Affairs Minister Ken Hughes responded to the Wildrose plan with a written statement.

"The opposition talk on the one hand about balancing the budget and on the other hand about increasing funding to municipalities," he said in the statement. "They have already pledged to cut an astonishing \$5 billion from this year's current budget alone."

WITH FILES FROM RYAN TUMILTY

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Wildrose MLA Jeff Wilson presented the party's plan to change municipal funding, giving them a set amount of tax powers. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

## Financial woes

### Ross Sheppard dealing with deficit

A local high school is battling its way back into the black after a \$400,000 grant they were hoping for failed to materialize.

Ross Sheppard High School is currently running a deficit of approximately \$692,000 in large part because of a federal grant for a project around water conservation that they did not receive.

"At the end of the day they didn't receive approval for that grant, but they had already received the money from the district," said district spokesperson Jane Sterling.

Sterling said the school had already spent the funds when it discovered it wouldn't get the grant.

They lost the grant in 2012, but the school has gradually been working on reducing it with minor cuts.

Acting principal Rick Paulitsch said some of the smaller cuts include limiting things like professional development for staff and other small items, but it also means it will be difficult for the school to experiment with new programs and classes.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# Knapsack returned to family grieving loss of their son



Jonathan Langille died last week after he stepped in front of an LRT train at Coliseum Station. FACEBOOK

Edmonton mother Jan Thorpe finally has some answers about her son's death.

Late Tuesday evening, the backpack of Jonathan Langille was returned to his mother less than one week after the 19-year-old was killed by stepping off the platform in front of an LRT train at Coliseum Station.

Following the accident, Thorpe had made a public plea for help finding the backpack, which had been picked up by a bystander who watched as Jonathan took his own life.

## Quoted

**"Life is very short, never take anyone for granted.... Jonathan showed no signs. If you feel like you are in a dark place, talk to somebody."**

Edmonton mother Jan Thorpe

"The girl who took it called us last night," said Thorpe, adding the young woman had heard about Jonathan through local media and reached out to the family. "She was very sorry about what happened."

In the backpack, Thorpe said Jonathan had left his journal, which included some clarity about why he decided to take his own life.

"He said he was overwhelmed," she said.

Thorpe said the family doesn't plan on pressing

charges against the young woman, who told Thorpe she was using drugs at the time she took the backpack, and hopes that she is able to get some help.

"Life is very short, never take anyone for granted," Thorpe continued. "Jonathan showed no signs. If you feel like you are in a dark place, talk to somebody."

The family continues to check Jonathan's Facebook to share memories and stories about the teen.

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Thirteen University of Alberta RUSS 212 students are learning Russian by listening to and reading Russian media.  
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# Language part of their Olympic experience

**Creating conversation at U of A.** Russian teacher wants students to be engaged by practising language skills via Sochi coverage



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Some University of Alberta students are experiencing the Sochi Winter Olympics like the Russians are, but they're doing it all from an Edmonton classroom.

Thirteen RUSS 212 students have been reading and watching videos in Russian to fully experience the Olympics, but to also practise their language skills in the second-year Russian language course.

Teacher Dr. Jelena Pogosjan has been getting students to watch and experi-

ence Russian news coverage since she began teaching the class to help encourage conversations in the classroom.

"I don't think it's difficult. I think together with knowledge and practice, there's a little window for culture as well," she said.

Students have chosen a sport in the Olympics to follow and report on for individual class presentations. They will then have to write an essay using the Russian alphabet, which Pogosjan expects many of the students will write by hand because the foreign language's alphabet is so intricate.

Culture is a major component of the class to allow students to build confidence in their skills and encourage classroom conversations. Movies, history and music are all discussed within the RUSS 212 classroom walls.

Students in her course last year had to follow the

## Details

- The class meets three times a week to expand students' Russian skills.
- Fewer people watched the opening ceremonies of the Sochi Olympics than they did those of the Vancouver Olympics.
- There were five Russian-language courses offered in the department of modern languages and cultural studies this term.

election of Vladimir Putin in Russian newspapers and television newscasts.

The teacher believes allowing students to experience more than the basics of the language allows for more student engagement.

"It's much more natural and (the students) are motivated," she said.

## Seeking a Building Canada grant. Ambrose optimistic on LRT funding

Edmonton MP Rona Ambrose said she intends to champion the city's southeast LRT project for a Building Canada grant when details of the program are announced.

The federal government said in Tuesday's budget that details on the program are going to be released soon and Ambrose said she will push for it.

"As soon as the city is ready to submit a proposal I will be there to champion it with him," she said.

Ambrose said she supports the proposal, because it's city council's biggest priority for

Edmonton.

"I am a big believer in allowing municipalities to make their own priorities," she said.

Ambrose said the project is definitely going to be eligible for the grant program and she is optimistic funding can be secured in time for the project to move forward.

"That's our hope; I have spoke to Mayor Iveson about that and so as soon as the fund is in place, we are already working with his office to make sure we get all the information in," she said.

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Rona Ambrose supports the city's southeast LRT project. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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## Dwayne's Home

### Residents evacuated from building after afternoon blaze

Fire officials were still investigating at press time a fire in a downtown apartment building that forced the evacuation of 130 residents.

Firefighters received the first call around 2:49 p.m. Wednesday from Dwayne's Home — a transition apartment building for the homeless — according to city officials.

The fire happened in the south end of the building, where neighbours allege a man jumped out one of the windows to safety, but fire officials couldn't confirm those reports at time of press.

Residents of Dwayne's Home will be temporarily relocated pending further investigation of the fire, which is expected to happen over the next few days, said Randy Shakura, a fire official on scene.

Officials say Red Cross was going to be notified to find temporary shelter for displaced individuals.

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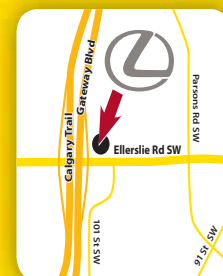
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## Makerspace. Go bananas with fruit-based tunes at Edmonton Public Library

The Edmonton Public Library officially opened Makerspace on Wednesday, with Mayor Don Iveson and library officials on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The space features a number of stations, including a 3D printer, banana piano and an espresso book machine.

The Makerspace is one of the first and largest in Canada, allowing users of all ages to enter the area and be creative. **METRO**



A banana piano, one of the elements at Makerspace. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

### Land management

#### Wild horse cull a necessity: Premier

Alberta's premier is defending the government's decision to cull its wild horse population.

Alison Redford says she understands that some people are opposed to the plan. But she says the horses are feral animals that impact pasture land.

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### Alberta's top 100

#### City named a top employer for 2014

The City of Edmonton was named one of the province's top employers for 2014.

The editors at Canada's Top 100 Employers give out the recognition each year to companies that offer exceptional work environments.

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## High River. Temporary neighbourhood to remain open longer than expected

The cabinet minister in charge of rebuilding the community hardest hit by last year's flooding says a temporary neighbourhood housing as many as 500 evacuees won't be closing any time soon.

In a letter this week, the Alberta Municipal Affairs Department said it has extended its current arrangement to keep

the Saddlebrook complex outside High River open beyond March. Rick Fraser, Alberta's associate minister of regional recovery and reconstruction, said the province is looking at a "transition housing" project called Highwood Junction that would have a more permanent feel and be inside High River.

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# Refugees come from lowest lows to halls of higher education

## World University Service of Canada.

U of A celebrates 25 years of special program



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Despite living in Edmonton since 2008, Rwanda native Jean-Dedieu Hakizimana said the city's bitter winters are still a challenge.

For the last 25 years, refugee students from around the world, just like Hakizimana, have braved Edmonton's weather for the chance to attend the University of Alberta's Student Refugee Program free of charge.

Having fled Rwanda as a child, Hakizimana spent 10 years in a Malawi refugee camp before he moved to Canada and enrolled at the U of A.

"So far so good, but it's cold you know," laughed Hakizimana, a third-year student who is planning on getting his master's degree in

### Find out more

For more information, email Sarah Lavimizadeh, events co-ordinator for WUSC at the U of A, at [lavimiza@ualberta.ca](mailto:lavimiza@ualberta.ca).

### Worst is the cold

"The best part is to come from a refugee camp to the U of A."

Jean-Dedieu Hakizimana

international relations.

"The best part is to come from a refugee camp to the U of A," Hakizimana said of his experience, which is sponsored by a group called World University Service of Canada (WUSC).

Sarah Lavimizadeh, events co-ordinator for WUSC at the U of A, said the program offers students who wouldn't normally have the chance to attend post-secondary the opportunity for more education.

Tuition, living and transportation costs are covered.

"I think they're able to help their community as well as the Canadian community," said Lavimizadeh. "All of our group members are former refugee students."

"It helps the students get the chance to learn that they didn't get when they were at the refugee camp," she added.

After 25 years of sponsorships, members of the U of A's WUSC are now organizing a special gala on Feb. 22 to raise funds for student transportation costs.

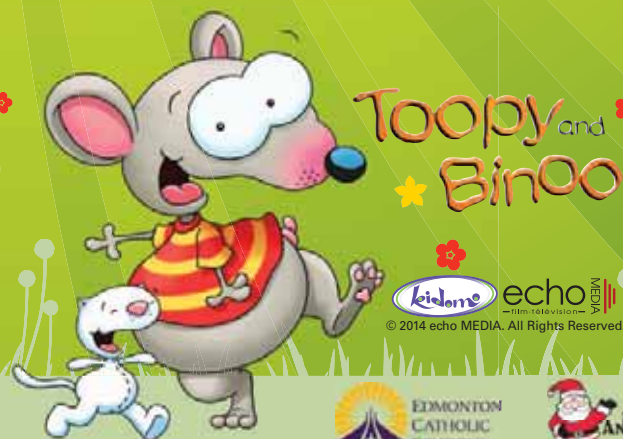
"We can't have a refugee student pay \$2,000 to come to Canada to study," Lavimizadeh said.



Jean-Dedieu Hakizimana was born in Rwanda but grew up in Malawi in a refugee camp. FACEBOOK

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## Toronto. Transgender woman held in men's prison returning to U.K.

A transgender woman from London, England who was initially held in a men's jail after being detained over an apparent immigration issue is to return home Thursday.

Her girlfriend tweets that Avery Edison will take a flight back to the U.K. from Toronto's Pearson airport following a decision that was made at an immigration hearing.

Edison had tweeted she was detained by the Canada Border Services Agency after landing in Toronto Monday, which she suspected was due to previously overstaying her student visa.

But she said that despite being listed as female on her passport she was sent to Mapleshurst Correctional Centre in Milton, Ont. — a jail for males — while awaiting a hearing.

A Mapleshurst official confirmed late Tuesday that Edison had been moved to a facility for women.

Her girlfriend Romy Sugden, who lives in Toronto, had earlier tweeted that jail staff told her Edison was sent to the

### Quoted

**"Apart from being able to take her home & let the visit proceed as planned, this is the best possible outcome."**

Romy Sugden, Avery Edison's girlfriend, in an online tweet

male facility because she has male genitalia.

Edison wrote that the prospect of being sent to a male facility, where she believed she would be "a potential target for sex attacks," was "terrifying."

In a Wednesday tweet, Sugden said Edison is being sent home without a travel restriction that would prevent her from visiting Canada in the future.

"Apart from being able to take her home & let the visit proceed as planned, this is the best possible outcome. I'm thrilled," Sugden tweeted.

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# Income splitting exposes rift among Conservatives

**Tensions.** Powerful Tory ministers make contradictory statements on Harper campaign promise — but who spoke out of turn?

Two of the most powerful men in the Conservative cabinet have openly contradicted one another on a key campaign promise — a split that speaks to the different ideologies and allegiances in the Tory caucus.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty started the ball rolling Wednesday by candidly questioning the wisdom of expanding income splitting for Canadian families.

During the 2011 election, Prime Minister Stephen Harper promised to bring in the measure once the federal books were balanced. Allowing couples with children



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty gestures during question period in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to split their income would mean parents could pool their income together in order to qualify for a lower tax bracket.

"I would pay down public debt and reduce taxes more, myself, but I am only one person," Flaherty said in a

post-budget interview before the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce.

But Employment Minister Jason Kenney insisted the campaign promise would be kept, a sentiment echoed by Treasury Board President Tony Clement.

"We made a platform commitment to introduce income splitting when we get to a balanced budget; we'll get to a balanced budget next year, that's very clear," Kenney said.

So who spoke out of turn? Flaherty or Kenney?

One senior Conservative suggested Harper actually has his own reservations about income splitting. The Tory suggested social conservatives within the party would be more in favour of such a plan because it appeals to traditional families where only one parent works.

Other Conservatives speculated that Flaherty is feeling free to speak his mind because he has one foot out the door.

There have been tensions between Flaherty and Kenney recently over Toronto Mayor Rob Ford. Flaherty is a friend of Ford's, and reacted angrily when Kenney called on Ford to step down.

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## Terror case. Reliability of audio surveillance transcript questioned

A lawyer for accused terrorist Khurram Syed Sher pressed a police detective Wednesday on the reliability of a transcript of a key meeting between Sher and two alleged co-conspirators.

In Ontario Superior Court, defence lawyer Michael Edelson peppered Det. Mireille Clement with questions about how she prepared the transcription from secret audio surveillance of a discussion at an Ottawa home.

During the July 20, 2010, meeting, Sher seems to express a desire to arrange overseas tactical training through a Pakistani man who claimed to be with the Taliban.

Clement was part of an Integrated National Security Enforcement Team that conducted extensive surveillance of the purported plotters.

The Crown says the home-grown group was dedicated to supporting violent jihad by whatever means possible.

Federal lawyer Jason Wakely said during opening arguments this week that the three men agreed to raise money, send cash abroad, take paramilitary training, make and use explosives, and

### Who's the boss?

The Crown played six segments of audio culled from surveillance of the 2010 meeting.

- At one point, the three men on the recording discuss the best means of choosing a group leader, suggesting they pick a name from a hat or even spin a bottle.

scout targets in Canada.

Sher, 31, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiring to facilitate terrorism.

After studying in Montreal, he worked as an anatomical pathologist at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital in St. Thomas, Ont., south of London.

The RCMP was informed of the case in September 2009 through a formal disclosure letter from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

A publication ban on certain aspects of the file limits what can be reported during the trial.

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### Rail safety

## Industry group calls for greater safeguards

It's only been a few weeks since Canadian policy-makers announced safety changes to rail cars, but elements within the industry already want to go further.

A U.S. industry association is recommending all new oil-carrying trains be equipped with a puncture-proof metal shell, taller shields and thermal insulation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Recommendation

## Police should 'stop shouting' at the mentally ill

In encounters with the emotionally disturbed, police should focus on defusing situations through communication, a coroner's jury said Wednesday.

"If the (person) has failed to respond to standard initial police commands ... train officers to stop shouting those commands and attempt different defusing communication strategies," the jury recommended.

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The wreckage of an Algerian military plane that slammed into a mountain Tuesday. ANIS BELGHOUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sole survivor in Algerian crash

## Military jet crash.

Fifteen people in the world share an Algerian soldier's fate of being a sole survivor; 76 died

The Algerian soldier who was the sole survivor of the crash of a military jet that killed 76 on Tuesday joins a group of people who carry a burden unique to those who live through mass tragedy.

A small number of people around the world share the

## Documentary

**"Every lone survivor we talked to they tended to not want to be found ... not want to talk about it."**

Ky Dickens, director of *Sole Survivor*

experience — including another Algerian soldier from a 2003 crash. They often cope with debilitating and isolating guilt and injuries, according to Ky Dickens, director and co-producer of the documentary *Sole Survivor*. Dickens, who

began research for her film in 2010, identified 15 sole survivors around the world. Here is another story:

**RETURN FROM SAFARI:** The nine-year-old Dutch boy was still strapped to his seat, unconscious but still breathing, his legs shattered amid the debris scattered in the Libyan desert sand. The Afriqiyah Airways Airbus crashed on approach to Tripoli, killing 103 passengers and crew in 2010. Ruben van Assouw learned that he was the sole survivor.

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## C.A.R.

## Amnesty fears 'ethnic cleansing'

The exodus of tens of thousands of Muslims from Central African Republic amounts to "ethnic cleansing," Amnesty International said Wednesday, warning that the sectarian bloodshed now underway despite the presence of thousands of peacekeepers is a "tragedy of historic proportions."

Their report comes as the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed fears that the violence ravaging Central African Republic could ultimately divide the country in two.

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## U.K. Bad weather likely linked to climate change: British weather service

Britain's weather service says it sees the tentacles of climate change in a spate of storms and floods battering the country, but has stopped short of saying warming directly caused the extreme storms.

The Met Office said in a paper that "there is no definitive answer" on the role played by climate change in the recent weather and floods. But chief scientist Julia Slingo said "all the evidence suggests there is a link to climate change."

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A resident pushes her dog in Staines-upon-Thames, England.

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## Discussion. North Korean demands manage to stall high-level talks with South Korea

The highest-level talks between the rival Koreas in years ended late Wednesday with little progress because of North Korea's call for the delay of annual military drills between Seoul and Washington set for later this month, officials said.

Seoul officials said the meeting was requested by North Korea, which has launched a recent charm offensive after raising tensions last spring with repeated threats to fire nuclear-tipped missiles against Seoul and Washington.

Later this month, the two Koreas are to hold reunions of families separated since the 1950-53 Korean War. It would be the first such reunions in more than three years.

North Korea also demanded South Korea delay the annual military drills set to begin Feb.



North Korean chief delegate Won Tong Yon, centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

24 with the United States until the end of the family reunions, which are scheduled to start Feb. 20 and end five days later, the statement said. South Korea refused, saying it cannot link a purely humanitarian matter to a military issue.

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## Gay rights. Judge rules that Kentucky must recognize out of state same-sex marriages

U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn II concluded Wednesday that Kentucky must recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states, striking down part of the state's marriage ban and saying Kentucky's laws treat gays and lesbians differently in a "way that demeans them." The constitutional ban on same-sex marriage was approved by voters in 2004.

"Assigning a religious or traditional rationale for a law does not make it constitutional when that law discriminates against a class of people without other reasons," wrote Heyburn, an appointee of former President

George H.W. Bush.

The decision came in lawsuits brought by four gay and lesbian couples seeking to force the state to recognize their out-of-state marriages.

Heyburn did not rule on whether the state could be forced to perform same-sex marriages. The question was not included in the lawsuit.

The news comes as two homosexual couples challenging a ban in neighbouring Texas on same-sex marriage took their case to federal court on Wednesday in the wake of recent legal victories in two other conservative states.

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## U.S. South crippled by second coming of winter storms

A Georgia Department of Transportation sign warns drivers of winter weather as they travel a bleak section of Highway 141 on Wednesday in Norcross, Ga. The second wintry storm in two weeks to hit the normally balmy U.S. South encrusted highways, trees and power lines in ice, knocking out electricity to more than 350,000 homes and businesses. At least nine traffic deaths across the region were blamed on the treacherous weather. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# After 18 years, Florida boy's killer executed

**Juan Carlos Chavez.** Murderer given lethal injection in Florida jail despite supreme court appeal

A man has been executed in Florida for raping and killing a 9-year-old boy 18 years ago, a death that spurred the victim's parents to press nationwide for stronger sexual predator confinement laws.

Authorities say 46-year-old Juan Carlos Chavez was pronounced dead at 8:17 p.m. Wednesday after a lethal in-

jection at Florida State Prison.

Chavez abducted Jimmy Ryce at gunpoint after the boy got off a school bus on Sept. 11, 1995, in rural southwestern Miami-Dade County.

Ryce's parents turned the tragedy's pain into a push for stronger U.S. laws regarding confinement of sexual predators and improved police procedures in missing child cases. Their foundation provided hundreds of free canines to law enforcement agencies to aid in searches for children.

Last-minute appeals temporarily delayed Wednesday's planned execution as Chavez's most recent round

of state and federal court appeals focused on claims that Florida's lethal injection procedure is unconstitutional, that he didn't get due process during clemency hearings and that he should have an execution stay to pursue additional appeals in the federal courts.

The Florida Supreme Court, however, refused Wednesday morning to stay the execution to allow Chavez time to pursue those challenges, and the U.S. Supreme Court followed suit hours later. The appeals prompted a more than two-hour delay in Chavez's execution.

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**Lethal injection**

**Drug temporarily blocked**

A federal judge has temporarily blocked a pharmacy from selling a drug to the Missouri Department of Corrections for use in an upcoming execution. A lawsuit filed by Missouri death row inmate Michael Taylor argued the drug will cause Taylor "inhumane pain."

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# Georgia tells Games fans to keep out of Abkhazia

**Breakaway territory.** The region remains a sticking point between the country and Russia

Georgia on Wednesday called on foreign visitors to the Winter Olympics to keep out of Abkhazia, a Russia-aligned breakaway territory just south of Sochi along the Black Sea coast.

The International Olympic Committee, however, said there was no reason not to go to Abkhazia.

Abkhazia declared independence shortly after Russian forces crushed the Georgian army in a brief 2008 war, but most of the world still considers it Georgian territory. Only Russia, Venezuela, Nicaragua and two Pacific island nations have recognized Abkhazia as an independent country.

Russia's attempts to facilitate travel across its border with Abkhazia, only five kilometres (three miles) south of Olympic venues, was "a provo-

cation aimed at undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia" and "misleading foreign citizens," the Georgian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Asked the IOC's view on Olympics visitors going to Abkhazia, IOC spokesman Mark Adams said "why not."

"The talks and exchanges between the two governments, that's entirely been to the two governments," he said. "In terms of going to Abkhazia ... well if it's safe, people will go there." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Talks

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday that he hoped the Games would help to mend fences and expressed a willingness to meet with his Georgian counterpart.

- The Georgian government responded positively.



## Belgium expected to pass bid for child euthanasia

Belgian politicians assemble at the Belgian federal parliament in Brussels, Wednesday. Belgium, one of the very few countries where euthanasia is legal, is expected to take the unprecedented step this week of abolishing age restrictions on who can ask to be put to death, extending the right to children.

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## Intimidation

### Russian activist gets three years

An activist who shed the light on the environmental impact of Olympic construction in Sochi was ordered Wednesday to serve three years in prison for spray-painting a fence.

A court in the regional capital of Krasnodar converted the suspended sentence given to Yevgeny Vitishko in 2012 into a prison term, accord-

ing to his lawyer, Alexander Popkov.

Vitishko and another activist, Suren Gazaryan, were found guilty in 2012 of "deliberate destruction of property" for spray-painting the fence of what they said was a local governor's property in a national forest where construction is forbidden.

Human Rights Watch called on the International Olympic Committee to urge Russian authorities to free the activist. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Nigeria

### Extremists attack northeast town

Hundreds of Islamic extremists posing as soldiers attacked a northeast Nigerian town for hours, killing 39 people and razing a mosque and more than 1,000 homes, survivors said Wednesday.

In the ruins of the burned-out mosque, bodies covered in cloth lay ready for burial Wednesday, in-

cluding three small shrouds covering children who did not look more than 10 years old.

"Why us? Why us?" one woman wailed, trying to understand why militants set on creating an Islamic state in Nigeria would attack a town of mainly Muslim farmers.

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# Privatization failures spark unrest in Bosnia

**Sarajevo is burning.** Collapse of more than 80% of privatized companies has ignited widespread anger

The recent violence in Bosnia, with scenes of burning government buildings and protesters pelting police with stones, has many root causes. One of them is the failed privatizations of state-owned companies.

When Bosnia abandoned communism about two decades ago, officials devised a plan that wouldn't mean mass layoffs for state workers. It was supposed to be a smooth transition after the 1992-1995 war that left 100,000 dead and devastated the country's infrastructure.

But it has been a disaster for people like Munevera Drugovac, a 58-year-old widow, who works for a company that was bought by a businessman in 2004. She hasn't been paid in 19 months.

"Back then, I didn't have



A Bosnian protester helps start a fire at a local government building during protests in the town of Tuzla last week. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

electricity and heating because of the war," she said. "Now, I don't have it because of unpaid bills."

More than 80 per cent of privatizations have failed, becoming a core reason behind Bosnia's worst unrest since the end of the war. Many well-connected tycoons have swept into these companies, stripping them of their assets, declaring bankruptcy and leaving thou-

sands without jobs or with minimal pay.

After the breakup of socialist Yugoslavia, Bosnians knew little about capitalism and relied on Westerners for advice.

"We entered the process of privatization with people who had no idea what a market economy was and without a rule of law," economist Svetlana Cenec said. "That's a recipe for disaster." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## That's a lot of dough. Canada Bread sold to Mexican firm for \$1.83B

Canada Bread has struck an agreement to be acquired by one of the world's largest bread companies in a transaction valued at \$1.83 billion.

Grupo Bimbo, based in Mexico, said Wednesday it will buy Canada's dominant breadmaker with the support of Maple Leaf Foods, which owns a 90 per cent stake in the operations.

What Grupo Bimbo gains from buying Canada Bread is a position in the Canadian marketplace and the ownership of popular brands like Dempster's and Bon Matin.

"The company fits exactly within our strategic soft spot as a leader in its domestic market," Grupo Bimbo chief executive Daniel Servitje said in a conference call.

"(This is) a new market for Grupo Bimbo which helps strengthen our presence in the Americas and one that had grown steadily and with little volatility in terms of pricing."

The transaction also ends Maple Leaf Foods' pursuit of a buyer for the bakery div-

### Slicing off divisions

Maple Leaf Foods is in the midst of a restructuring plan to improve the profits of its overall business, which is primarily focused on meat products. It has already sold various divisions and hopes to complete the process by next year.

ision, which it announced last October.

Maple Leaf Foods will be paid about \$1.65 billion for its stake, once it meets regulatory requirements, which include approvals under the Competition Act and Investment Canada Act, as well certain U.S. approvals.

The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter.

The \$72-per-share purchase price is about seven per cent above Canada Bread's recent stock value and 31 per cent higher than when it was put up for sale.

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### U.S.-Canada relations

## Time to prep for post-Obama era, says Jim Prentice

It's high time Canada started looking beyond the Obama era if it wants to push economic integration with the United States to a new level, says former Conservative Cabinet Minister Jim Prentice.

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### Fourth-quarter results

## Talisman reports unexpected billion-dollar loss

Talisman Energy posted an unexpected \$1-billion US net loss in the fourth quarter, reflecting the reduced value of its North Sea operations, which have been a long-running headache for it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Energy market

## Husky crude from White Rose being sold in India

Husky Energy Inc. has tapped into a new booming energy market, selling one million barrels of crude from its White Rose offshore field east of Newfoundland to Indian Oil Corp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Weather and dollar

## Air Canada shares hit turbulence

Air Canada vowed it won't be thrown off course in 2014 even though its shares went into a tailspin Wednesday after severe weather and a weaker dollar hurt fourth-quarter results and promised to inflict more pain in the new year.

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### Market Minute

	<b>DOLLAR</b> 90.93¢ (+0.16¢)
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Emirati consultant Abdulrahman Mansour Al Serkal presents a drone prototype as part of an initiative by the Prime Minister's Office during the Dubai Government Summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Wednesday. An adviser to Dubai's ruler says the United Arab Emirates intends to develop drone technology for government services and has launched a \$1 million US international competition for the best innovative use of unmanned aircraft to help improve the lives of people.

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Normally I'd say Valentine's Day is a holiday that should be cut short like its decapitated namesake.

Normally I'd argue it's not a real holiday unless I'm earning time and a half.

Normally I'd suggest that the only reason Valentine's receives any attention at all is that it lands when the weather is barren and any real holidays are far away. It's like a stranger in a bar when the lights come on. Our time with it might be awkward and trashy, but we'll take what we can get.

But I won't say any of that because I have a girlfriend for the first Valentine's this decade. So — just in case she cares — Valentine's is a wonderful, splendidous day (wheee!) and I can't wait to spend it with her in whatever reasonably priced restaurant she desires.

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## Valentine's Day By The Numbers:

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## Relationships

**13,491,617:** Number of Canadians who would laugh in your face if you asked them out right now.

**12:** Happy couples.

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**1.3:** Median number of children it will take to salvage your crumbling relationship.

**580,000:** Number of times someone will say,

"I don't know, what do you wanna do?" on Valentine's Day (average three per couple).

**170:** Number of guys pretending they like Michael Bublé at any given moment.

**5:** Number of days after Valentine's you can wait before dump-

ing your partner, guilt-free.

**0:** Number of unrequited loves thinking about you right now.

## Gifts

**\$356:** Minimum amount your partner will spend on you if they really love you.

**32:** Number of insect larvae legally permitted in the chocolates you're about to receive.

**15:** Number of years until corporations automatically deduct a minimum \$100 directly from your chequing account as part of a Mandatory Incidental Love Fee, or MILF.

**8,732:** Number of relationships that will spark with the heat of a thousand suns thanks to the gift of a heart-shaped doughnut.

**60,000:** Approximate number of bees killed annually for Bee Mine? card industry.

**\$1.4 billion:** Value of all Valentine's cards purchased in North America.

**1.4 seconds:** Average time spent glancing at card.

**14,541:** Number of Canadians unemployed in the candy, floral and gift card business because of you and your friends' cynical attitudes.

**Fewer than 12:** Number of minutes I spent on research.

## ZOOM

# Did Russia get this wrong?



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## Rings' colours not tied to continents

No, the different-coloured Olympic rings don't correspond to specific continents.

But you'd be forgiven for thinking differently if you're going to or from Sochi's airport.

Five enormous concrete sculptures of the rings welcome visitors, each labelled in bold letters, in Russian and English, with the name of a continent: Africa, Asia, Australia (pictured), Europe, and the Americas.

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## In actuality...

- International Olympic Committee spokesman Mark Adams says "the rings are not assigned to each continent."
- When Pierre de Coubertin, considered the founder of the modern Olympics, designed the rings a century ago, he chose black, red, yellow, green and blue because every flag in the world bore at least one of those colours, according to the Olympic Museum.

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## Clickbait



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So maybe those piano or violin lessons in elementary school didn't exactly stick, but surely you remember a scale or two. Test your musical memory, or just have fun making music with these apps that turn your phone into a handheld musical "instrument." Warning: This will annoy pretty much anyone in earshot and you will have way more fun creating "songs" than anyone will have listening to them.

## Shaker:

Turn your phone into a pocket percussion centre. From the triangle to the tambourine to the tam tam, this free iTunes app has the drum section of your hand covered.

## Harmonica:

Both Apple and Android have their eyes on the handheld harmonica (oh wait, real ones are also handheld), but

the Android version lets users get up close with their phones and play with their mouth (option for hands too, if you don't trust where your phone's been).

## Virtuoso Piano 3:

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## Twitter

@metropicks asked: Canada's men's hockey team plays Norway Thursday. Should fighting be allowed in Olympic hockey?

@CALanuza: Yes, it brings excitement to the game; Remember this guys are pro athletes... #Sochi2014 #yyyc

@Dweller15: off course, what kind of question is it? What a hokey without fight?

@cndneh: why should fighting be allowed at all?

@Mr\_B\_Robertson: No. The greater

the threat of injury to NHL players, the greater the chance the NHL won't let its players go the Olympics.

@kkjohal769: NO!! fighting is not necessary send the right message to our young people

@larrington: with fighting allowed, world does not take NHL ice hockey seriously as a sport; it's just entertainment.

@MainStPoodle: Yes. And growling, chasing and biting.

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# The Unsinkable Olympian achieves ultimate victory

**Book.** Silken Laumann's new memoir is a highly candid and brave look into her past before she became an athlete



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Former Olympian Silken Laumann has had her highs and lows.

A debilitating rowing injury left her leg shattered mere weeks before the Barcelona Olympics. Five painful operations and countless rehabilitation hours later, she was thrust into the spotlight with an unforgettable bronze-winning comeback during the 1992 Games. Laumann should have been on top of the world, but she was also struggling with a dark past.

In *Unsinkable: My Untold Story*, Laumann's prequel to her public life, she writes that her upbringing was laced with abuse and anxiety that led to an eating disorder and experimentation with cutting herself. Years later, her early traumas and insecurities magnified as she struggled to come to terms with leaving her rowing career and splitting with her husband.

She says: "I always shared my life openly with Canadians, whether it was what I felt during the accident or what I went through in my divorce. But, as I was processing the wounds of the past and healing, I felt I was presenting an inauthentic ver-

## Local event

- Silken Laumann will be in Edmonton promoting her book at the South Park Goodlife Fitness location (3803 Calgary Trail NW) from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18.
- *Unsinkable: My Untold Story* retails for \$29.99 but will be available for \$20 at the event.
- The event is open to the public and is free of charge. For additional details, call 780-466-4124.

sion by not sharing the whole story of what it was like to be a kid in my house and growing up." While writing the memoir, she took a step back and dug deep in order to emotionally reconnect to the experiences she had as a child to young adult. "I tried to write the book with a certain type of freedom, and it took a lot for me to get the courage to tell the whole story."

Now that her diary of sorts has been published for all to see, Laumann says: "I hope readers see this as a human journey of somebody who aspired to Olympic greatness, but can still have moments of extreme doubt and experiences that can crush them."

"But that being unsinkable means no matter what happens you keep going, you stay afloat. I hope it encourages people to really connect with each other and allows them to be more open no matter where they are in life or what they are experiencing."



*Unsinkable: My Untold Story* is a prequel to Silken Laumann's public life as a sportswoman. CONTRIBUTED

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# Hey girl, Alex Pettyfer just wants to love

**Be mine?** Star of *Endless Love* claims he's just a big puppy dog when it comes to matters of the heart



**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News in Hollywood

Alex Pettyfer is sorry to say he's a hopeless romantic at heart, which actually made signing on for the remake of *Endless Love* a no-brainer. Of course, we don't necessarily think there's anything wrong with being a softie.

**This seems like a pretty intense film to make, emotionally. How did you approach it?** Well, the most difficult thing about making this movie was that when you're 23 or 24, which is how old I am, you want to be 30. You want to be looked upon as a man. And I'm playing 18 years of age, and you kind of have to go back to that naïve way of



*Endless Love*, starring Alex Pettyfer, opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

thinking and that childlike energy. That was the hardest thing for me — the most fun, but the hardest.

**I don't remember feeling that naïve and childlike at 18.**

Yeah, we all think we know everything when we're 18.

**The more a movie focuses on romance, the more some people will use that as an excuse to ask about your per-**

**sonal life. How do you cope with that?**

I just say no. I'm very blunt. I don't really care. I don't really answer that.

**What's your own personal**

**opinion of romantic films in general?**

I love romantic films. I love *Love Actually*, I love *Bridget Jones*. I'm sad in that sense — I'm a sucker for a good rom-com. And I wanted to make

one. I'm so lucky that I've been given this opportunity to do a movie like this. I'm a hopeless romantic.

**I don't think that's sad, to say that you like rom-coms.**

Yeah, well... I mean, it's sometimes tough for a man to admit that they're a hopeless romantic.

**I don't know, I feel like I've met quite a few in my time.**

You have? You've met some hopeless romantic men? Well that's good. At least I'm not alone in that.

**Are there any other directors you're just dying to work with?**

I'd love to work (David) Fincher. The way he makes movies I find very interesting, the technique he uses. He does a lot of takes. He believes that the mentality of the actor fades after a certain amount of takes and then rebuilds his consciousness in a different light so that the view on the scene becomes different. So he does, like, 60 or 70 takes.

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Shia LaBeouf ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## LaBeouf, are you really #SORRY or is this piece just a pile of bull-Shia?

Shia LaBeouf is sorry. So sorry, in fact, that he's embarked on a "performance art" piece this week at a Los Angeles gallery space entitled #IAMSORRY. According to the gallery's press release, "Shia LaBeouf is sorry. Sincerely sorry. He will be in situ at 7354 Beverly Blvd. for the duration. Implements will be provided." Visitors are invited, one by one, to enter a curtained-off room where LaBeouf sits at a table in a tuxedo with a paper bag over his head, eye holes cut out. He

says nothing, responds to no questions, and then removes the bag to show that he is crying. LaBeouf is scheduled to be staring at visitors and crying through Sunday. Fans of pointing out LaBeouf's penchant for plagiarism have been happy to remark on the similarities between this stunt and Marina Abramovic's 2010 installation piece *The Artist is Present*, during which she would sit in a gallery and let strangers stare at her one at a time, eventually bursting into tears.

## Lip-synch claims hitting Britney one more time

Britney Spears is being dogged by more lip-synching accusations after an Instagram video surfaced taken during her current Las Vegas residency that shows her microphone pack fly off her waistband, pulling her earpiece mic away from her mouth without effecting her vocal performance at all. It wouldn't be such a big deal if it weren't for claims made by Spears' team before the launch of the residency. "Britney Spears will be singing live



Britney Spears

during her show. She will not be 'lip-synching,'" her rep said.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Will \$75M deal bring sizzle back to celeb cook's career?

Paula Deen has found a key ingredient to reheating her tarnished brand — a cash infusion worth at least \$75 million US from a private investment firm.

The Savannah-based celebrity cook announced Wednesday that she's launched an umbrella company that will oversee her restaurants, cookbooks, product endorsements and other remaining slices of her media empire. The new company, called Paula Deen Ventures, said private-equity firm Najafi Companies is investing \$75 million to \$100 million to help Deen make a

comeback.

Deen's fortunes took a dive last year after comments she made under oath during proceedings in a lawsuit, namely that she had used racial slurs in the past, became public. The Food Network dropped Deen, as did pork producer Smithfield Foods, book publisher Ballantine and several other companies that paid her to endorse their products.

In a statement, Deen praised the partnership with Phoenix-based Najafi and the decision to name Steven Nanula, who has already worked with Deen for the past two years, to serve as CEO of Paula Deen Ventures.

"I know this is the right decision to lead my team, as we continue to share quality products with my fans — whose love and support have built my brands," Deen said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



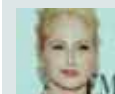
Eva Mendes

## Eva X-es out rumours that she's with child after airport opt-out

Eva Mendes knows the consequences of being picky about security. The actress recently opted out of using a walk-in body scanner at the airport, prompting speculation that she's pregnant. "You know those X-ray scanners, which are really creepy? They basically see you naked," she tells Ellen DeGeneres during an interview. "And not only that, but there's a radiation aspect to it. So I always opt out. I always ask for a personal pat-down. That was good enough reason (for people

to assume I'm pregnant.)" Sure, but what about those breakup rumours circulating since she and Ryan Gosling haven't been spotted together since October? While Mendes' publicist was already quick to shoot down such reports, Mendes offers some jokey plans for Valentine's Day that pointedly do not include Gosling — at least not in person: "I'm not a big Valentine's Day person," she says. "I'll probably just order a deep dish and watch *The Notebook* or something. Just cry, weep."

### Twitter



@EllenBarkin

Do you think I could be the "global ambassador" for Lay's potato chips?



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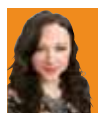




# Guess what's coming to Danielle

## Who's that girl?

Canada's Danielle Knudson only told her family and a handful of close friends that she'd booked the campaign of a lifetime. I Guess everyone else is about to find out.



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When I meet up with Guess' new it-girl Danielle Knudson, she's surrounded by loose copies of her new ad campaign for the iconic brand. The spread features photos of the blonde bombshell frolicking in the late-afternoon Laguna Beach sunlight.

These images are in stark contrast to the surrounding polar-vortexed environment of our chat, which has left Danielle and I both sweater-bundled as we get warm inside the confines of the Guess boutique in Toronto's Queen West neighbourhood.

But while my pasty face and salt-stained boots give me away as a winter-whipped local, you'd think this new Guess girl, with her sunkissed skin and golden locks, was born and raised along the southern California shoreline. But make no mistake about it, she's Canadian.

**You're now living the model's dream life in New York, but you were born and raised in Alberta. Is there anything you miss about home?**

I loved growing up in Red Deer — I was there right



Danielle Knudson says her next goal as a model is to be featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated. We'd sign off on that!

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until I was 18. And my family now lives just outside of Banff. Going home, I still love going home to see the mountains. We have a ski hill in Red Deer that no one knows about called Canyon Ski Area, which is kind of hidden in the middle of nowhere. I spent many years growing up there skiing.

**The story of your rise to**

**fame is an insanely quick one. As I understand you were at a shoot for another client and were asked to take a selfie, which was forwarded to Guess LA. Guess booked you that day, flew you out to LA that night and began shooting with you the next day. Correct?** Yes, about six months ago I got booked for the look book. Paul Marciano came



to the shoot and met me and the agency called me and they put me on hold for everything and the rest is kind of history. It was like boom, boom, boom.

**Tell me a little bit about the day of the Laguna Beach**

**shoot. What was the general itinerary?**

The campaign was actually shot over three days. We woke up very early because the lighting was beautiful in the morning — maybe 5:30. It went by so quickly. We would do hair and makeup and go to location, and shoot so many looks. We'd shoot until the sun went down.

**Paul Marciano was on set with you at this shoot as well. What's he like?**

Paul has been so amazing — he's been so supportive of me. Always told me to be myself. He just made me feel like I'm important to the brand — that they wanted me there.

**Flash forward a year from today. What do you foresee?**

My life is changing very quickly — I'm taking everything in as it's coming my way.

## She's got this in the bag

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Tabasco Sauce Miniature  
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"I put hot sauce on everything I eat."

## Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

**Name:** Ailyn

**Age:** 19

**Occupation:**  
Film student

**What she's wearing**

Blundstone boots, thrift store denim jeans, winter cape from the ROM's boutique, lace shirt from Club Monaco, and Fjall-

raven Kanken backpack.

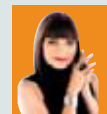
**Her inspiration**

"Normally I go vintage, stuff you'd find in your grandma's closet. I'm a kid stuck in the '90s. This outfit, however, is my winter hipster look."

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@MrRalphRucci is a genius. Staff are artisans! @womens weardaily: Rucci's seamstresses watch show from atelier. #NYFW



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## Snack. Matzo Chocolate Almond Buttercrunch



This recipe makes 16 pieces. YVONNE DUIVENVOORDEN

1. Lay matzos on foil-lined rimmed baking sheet, breaking to cover sheet completely. Set aside.

2. In saucepan, bring butter and brown sugar to boil over medium-high heat; boil until slightly thickened, 2 to 3 minutes. Pour over matzos, spreading evenly with offset spatula.

3. Bake in 325 F (160 C) oven until bubbly and golden, about 7 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes.

4. Sprinkle with chocolate chips; let stand until melted, about 2 minutes. Using offset spatula, spread chocolate over

matzos.

5. Sprinkle with almonds and salt. Refrigerate until chocolate is firm, about 1 hour. Break into shards. (Make-ahead: Refrigerate in airtight container for up to 3 days.)

### Ingredients

- 4 1/2 sheets unsalted matzos
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/4 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted natural almonds
- Pinch sea salt or kosher salt

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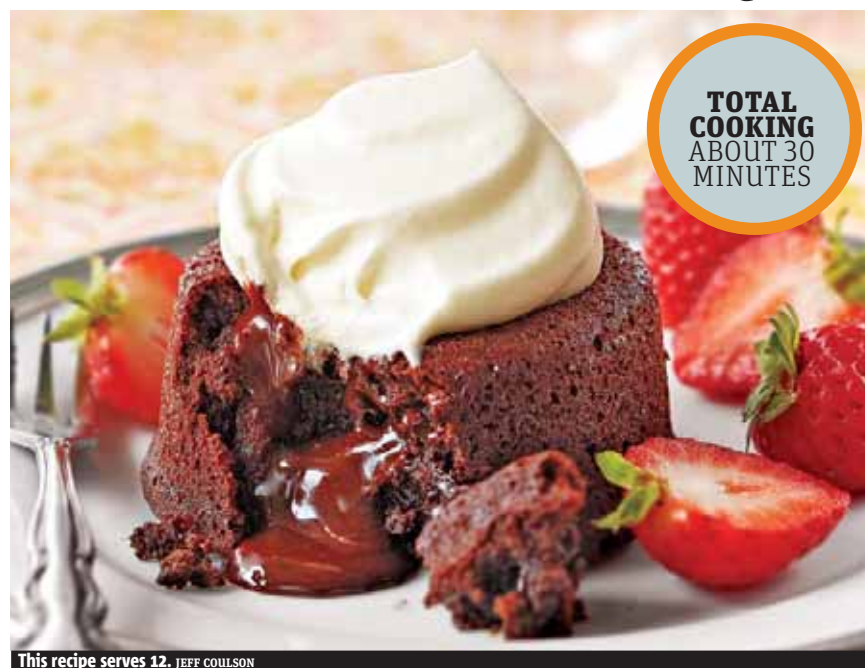
Bringing the sexy back to chocolate



Few foods are considered as sexy as chocolate. Even its Latin name — Theobroma cacao — means “food of the gods.”

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Chapters focus on the varied, wonderful textures of chocolate treats. Craving an ooey-goey caramel-topped cake? A dark, chewy brownie? A crispy, crunchy cookie? This book has you covered for all that and more. **METRO**



**TOTAL COOKING ABOUT 30 MINUTES**

This recipe serves 12. JEFF COULSON

1. In heatproof bowl over hot (not boiling) water, melt chocolate with butter, stirring until smooth. Stir in vanilla seeds. Remove from heat.

2. Whisk in sugar. Whisk in eggs and egg yolks, 1 at a time. Whisk in cocoa powder and salt.

3. Pour into twelve 3/4-cup (175 ml) ramekins; place on rimmed baking sheet. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. Bake as directed, adding 5 minutes to baking time.)

4. Bake in 425 F (220 C) oven until edges are set and centres

are slightly jiggly when lightly tapped, about 15 minutes. Let cool on pan on rack for 3 minutes. Run knife around edges and turn out onto plates. Garnish with strawberries, and whipped cream (if using).

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### Ingredients

- 12 oz (340 g) bittersweet chocolate or semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- Seeds of 1 vanilla pod
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 6 eggs
- 6 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder, sifted
- Pinch salt
- 12 oz (340 g) strawberries, hulled and diced
- Whipped cream (optional)

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# Modern twist on an ancient art

## Irresistible resist-dyed offerings



**Mood indigo:** A shibori tablecloth, placemats, and napkins from the OriShibori collection. DAVID MALOSH/ORISHIBORI.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A shibori scarf produced by Eskayel, a design firm based in New York. The home-design purveyor is creating the look of shibori patterns using ink, water and watercolors, followed by digital printing techniques. ESKAYEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**A large OriShibori leather wall hanging.** DAVID MALOSH/ORISHIBORI.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## 3-D shapes

### More than just dying — shibori is sculptural, too

A sort of “memory on cloth,” Shibori also encompasses Issey Miyake’s revolutionary pleated clothing, fulling and felting, and other methods of transforming natural fabrics into 3-D shapes.

The work of Hiroyuki Murase exemplifies both the 3-D possibilities of shibori and the bridge between traditional and new. Murase grew up in Arimatsu, Japan,



**Shibori lamp shades.** SUZUSAN, HIROYUKI MURASE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

where shibori has been done using traditional techniques for 400 years. Today, his array of Luminaires lampshades and haute couture fabrics, designed for the likes of Christian Dior, are the cutting edge of modern shibori.

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**Setting the scene:** OriShibori patterns its table linens on Japan’s centuries-old fabric art of shibori. DAVID MALOSH/ORISHIBORI.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Rediscovering tie-dye.

Designer collections embrace the hand-crafted beauty of Japanese shibori

From tablecloths, duvet covers and iPhone cases to wallpaper and startling calf-skin wall hangings, the ancient Japanese resist-dyeing technique of shibori has gone mainstream. Vera Wang, Ralph Lauren, Eileen Fisher, Levi’s and innumerable fibre artists are breathing new life into the craft.

“The stillness and beauty of it really centres me,” said Oriana DiNella, who recently launched her own web-based shibori line, including linen tableware, pillows, throws and large leather wall hangings, all made to order and hand-dyed in organic indigo.

“It feels like a rebellion against the fashion movement, where everything seems so fast and disposable,” the New York-based designer explained.

Today’s incarnations are as different from their early Japanese predecessors as they are from the wild, tie-dyed pieces that became emblematic of the ‘60s and ‘70s.

There’s a sense of timelessness and calm to the modern shibori pieces, and also a renewed focus on workmanship and functionality.

“I love the bleeds, the fluidity of it. I love how the light shades of indigo can be so pale

and watery and the navies can be such a deep, deep blue,” DiNella said.

Brooklyn designer Rebecca Atwood uses modern fibre-reactive dyes for her Blauvelt Collection, which includes pillows and pouches. And home-design purveyor Eskayel is creating the look of shibori patterns using ink, water and watercolours, followed by digital printing techniques.

“We have wallpaper, rugs, fabric, pillows, baskets, iPhone cases, stationery, prints and wall hangings. Oh, and poufs,” said founder and creative director Shanan Campanero, when asked about the company’s shibori-inspired offerings.

Compared to the tie-dyes of a generation ago, she said, today’s shibori-inspired works feature patterns that are more careful, deliberate and traditional.

Vera Wang’s collection is centred on bedding, while Ralph Lauren’s features swim trunks and clothing. Levi’s has even come out with shibori-inspired jeans. But while mass-produced items lack the nuanced appeal of handcrafted works, they bring a surprising touch of texture and pizzazz to the familiar.

Despite widespread interest in shibori in the West, “we are still concerned with its survival in Japan,” explained Yoshiko Iwamoto Wada, author of *Shibori*, and *Memory on Cloth*.

“Adapting shibori to something contemporary is the key to its survival,” she said. “When the big designers come out with it and young artists take it in new directions, then more people here and in Japan start to pay attention.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Make shibori at home

For those inclined to take on do-it-yourself projects, shibori has never been more accessible. It can be done easily at home using minimal equipment.

- Urban Outfitters sells its own shibori kits, and lessons are widely available online, from basic for beginners to truly advanced. Martha Stewart Living features a project on its website using a standard pressure cooker

to make elegant shibori at home.

- Serious shibori artists and workshops across the country and internationally can be found through the Berkeley-based World Shibori Network. With a membership of dedicated artisans in Japan and around the globe, it was founded in the 1990s because of fears that the traditional craft would disappear.

## Technique takes shape



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**Shibori is slow.** It takes time, and has been around since about the 8th century. The word comes from the Japanese *shiboru*, meaning “to wring, squeeze or press.”

- The technique involves twisting, tying, crumpling, stitching or folding fabric — usually silk or cotton — in various ways, transforming the two-dimensional material into a sculptural, three-dimensional form.
- This sculptural shape is then traditionally dyed, originally using indigo, although a huge variety of colours and dyes are now used.
- Sometimes, the same fabric is then twisted in some other way and then dyed again. When the wrappings are removed, the folds and creases where the fabric resisted the dye form distinctive crinkled textures and patterns.

# Best sofas to let sleeping dogs lie



"I would always suggest a fabric with a small pattern or texture — a herringbone pattern or small check creates a great disguise."

Designer Jay Jeffers

Designer Jay Jeffers relaxes with one of his two cavalier King Charles spaniels. CAVALIER BY JAY JEFFERS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Love your pup but not what he does to your furniture?** Expert tips on buying pieces that can stand up to pets

Sydney Masters' dog Angus has white fur. But he loves to play and dig in the mud, so his paws are often brown. And that was a factor in Masters' choice of sofa.

"We didn't choose the lovely white sofa that I wanted. No! We chose a rich dark brown leather couch," said Masters, who shares a Manhattan apartment and a home in France with her husband, who is French, and with Angus, a West Highland terrier.

Finding furniture that dogs and cats won't ruin is a challenge. Here are some things to think about when you're buying furniture, along with some ideas for protecting it from fur, stains and scratches.

## Leather

Many dog owners report that leather works well as a pooch-proof alternative to fabric. "It's that kind of glossed leather that repels water and dirt," Masters says. But leather might not work for households with cats, who may damage it with their claws, according to the Amer-

ican Humane Association's chief veterinary adviser Dr. Patricia Olson.

## Microfibre

Some cat owners say that microfibre, a synthetic, velvety suede-like material, is a good alternative. It's smoother and less appealing to cats than knits or woven fabric they can sink their claws into. And fur — from dogs or cats — is easily removed from microfibre with a vacuum, lint roller or cloth. Microfibre can also be spot-cleaned.

## Fabric

If you own pets and must have fabric-covered sofas, consider this advice from Jay Jeffers of the Jeffers Design Group in San Francisco: "I would always suggest a fabric with a small pattern or texture — a herringbone pattern or small check creates a great disguise."

And don't be afraid to camouflage your pet's fur. "In our house, the furniture is in similar colours to our pets so their fur blends in," Jeffers said.

Fabric slipcovers with zippers that are easily removed and washed are a plus. Some brands, like Ikea, sell fitted slipcovers for their sofas so they can be replaced easily.

## A couch of their own



A dog-sized sofa as an accent piece.

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One way to keep pets off your furniture is to give them a couch of their own. Choices abound, from \$30 floor pillows at discount pet chains to \$1,200-\$1,400 US custom B-Home brand dog beds, sold at Jeffers' design store, Cavalier — named for his two cavalier King Charles spaniels. Enchanted Home Pet sells classy dog-size sofas that look a lot like sofas for humans. They run \$60 to \$300 US depending on size, style and place of purchase; they're available online and in store.

## Covering up

The simplest way to protect furniture from pets is a fitted slipcover or other covering designed to stay put and look neat. Matt Kovacs, owner of an English bulldog, Lulu, has tried a number of covers and recommends the SureFit brand. "Without the covers, furniture doesn't stand a chance."

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Fantastic. How exactly did Valentine's Day sneak up on you? If you forgot to plan for Friday, let Deanna Lorraine help you out. This San Diego-based dating coach shares her best ideas for couples of all stages.

## If you have just started dating

"Surprise her with a big bouquet at her work," Lorraine said. Or amaze your new beau with your gourmet side. "Take them to your place for candles, music and a gourmet meal you've prepared."

## If you have been together a long time

"Plan a last-minute overnight trip to somewhere within driving distance or a quick flight away," Lorraine said. Have a look at travel websites to score last-minute flight and hotel deals.

Or surprise your partner with your thoughtfulness.



There are a number of ways you can impress your significant other this Valentine's Day. LUMINAIMAGES/SHUTTERSTOCK

"Pick up tickets to a concert or play they're interested in."

## If you are single

Google can turn up many

singles events happening on Valentine's Day.

"Or create a singles event — throw an anti-Valentine's singles party," Lorraine said.

"And tell everyone to invite any single person they know."

Or how about taking a trip?

"Plan a trip with a friend who's single — a road trip or getaway for the weekend like New York or Vegas. So something you can look for-

ward to together. Make it an excuse to get out of town and away from all the couples."

## If you are on a budget

Create couple coupons. "Make a book of coupons to redeem for a massage or a night of me cooking dinner for you," Lorraine said.

Or get scrapbooking. "Make either a physical or online book. There's some great cheap or free software online such as Animoto that you can put together video clips and pictures with music."

## If you have a family

Do the kids like to celebrate with mom and dad?

"Create a big dinner and have everyone help cook—and also cook something you normally wouldn't," Lorraine said. "Have everyone dress up, too."

But it's important parents get some time together, too, she added.

"So after the kids are in bed, have a secret date in your master bedroom with a decadent dessert."

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# Skater's sacrifice sets up Morrison's silver



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**Speedskating.** Gilmore Junio drops out of 1,000 metres to make way for teammate

How about having Gilmore Junio carry the Canadian flag into the closing ceremonies of the Sochi Olympics, says Denny Morrison.

How about having both long-track speedskaters lead Canada into Fisht Stadium?

Morrison, taking the place vacated two days earlier by his friend and teammate Junio, raced to silver in the 1,000 metres between a pair of Dutch skaters Wednesday to write the final chapter to a remarkable story of selflessness and doing the right thing.

"It's a dream, a fairytale story," said an emotional Morrison after earning his third Olympic medal in three Games. "It's difficult to really believe that it's happening."

Said Junio: "I think that's the big power of the Olympics. Anything can happen. Expect the unexpected."

Having come back from a broken leg the year before, Morrison agonizingly clipped a skate on his heel at the Canadian trials in December, falling 50 metres from the finish line and failing to qualify for

the 1,000 metres. There was a reskate an hour later at the trials, but his tank was empty and he missed out by four-hundredths of a second.

So the 28-year-old from Fort St. John, B.C., came to Sochi with a place in the 1,500 metres and team pursuit but as a reserve in one of his bread-and-butter distances.

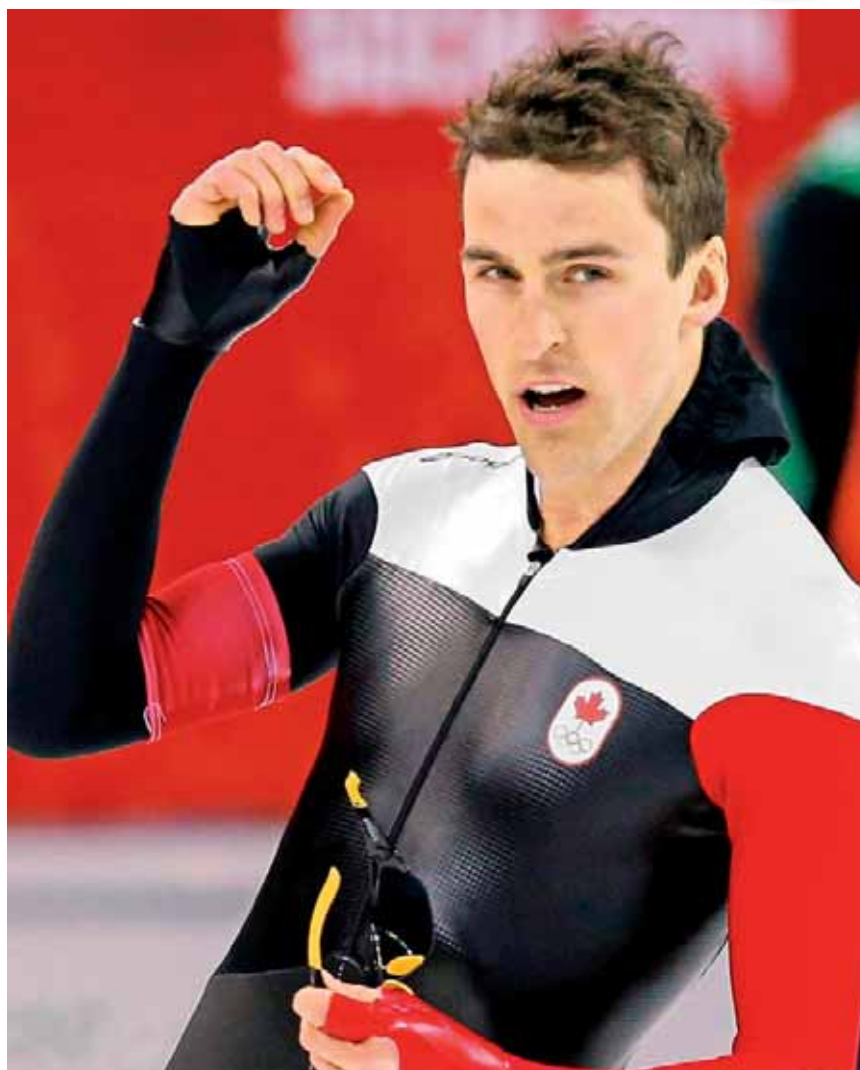
Speed Skating Canada then approached Junio, a 23-year-old from Calgary who was 10th in Monday's 500 metres, and asked whether he would consider giving his place up to the veteran.

"It was 100 per cent my decision. They left it in my court," said Junio, who is better in the 500 than the 1,000. "They said 'You can talk to Denny.'"

"But it was an easy decision. The guy's been skating unreal these past few weeks and I wanted to see him skate the 1,000 metres."

Junio also had his own reasons.

"I've a lot to learn in the 1,000 and I think the Olympics, representing Canada, isn't kind of the place to learn such lessons," he said. "We're here to perform. So I thought maybe in four years, hopefully my 500 will be good and my 1,000 will be even better, that I won't have to make this decision. Maybe someone will make it for me." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Silver medallist Denny Morrison celebrates after competing in the men's 1,000-metre speedskating race at the Adler Arena Skating Center in Sochi, Wednesday. PAVEL GOLOVKIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Olympic spirit

"Maybe that's something we can get behind, because I think that would be really special.... He does embody what it means to be an Olympian ..."

Denny Morrison, on the push to have Gilmore Junio as the closing ceremonies flag-bearer.



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Goalies Roberto Luongo, left, and Carey Price take part in Team Canada's practice in Sochi, Russia, on Wednesday. The Canadians will take on Norway on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Price gets first shot in gold medal defence

**Men's hockey.** Habs goalie to start for Canada vs. Norway; Luongo will get his turn against Austria

Even though Roberto Luongo finished the Olympics four years ago, he won't start Team Canada's run at defending that gold medal.

Coach Mike Babcock chose to split the goaltending duties out of the gate in Sochi so it will be Carey Price facing Norway in Canada's opener on Thursday while Luongo will play Friday against Austria.

Babcock delivered the news to the goaltenders on

Wednesday, roughly 36 hours before puck drop of the Norway game. Babcock didn't give a rationale for why he went with this order.

"I was going to play one of them in (each of) the first two games," Babcock said. "If I had put Luongo in, you'd be asking me the same question."

Recent performance certainly seemed to give Price the edge. In his past six NHL games for the Montreal Canadiens, Price is 4-1-1 with two shutouts, a 1.15 goals-against average and .967 save percentage.

Luongo is 1-5-0 with a 3.55 GAA and .880 save percentage in his past six for the Vancouver Canucks. He appeared to accept Babcock's decision.

"We're all here to play for

Team Canada, man," Luongo said.

"It's not about one player. We're all pulling the same rope. It's a team game right now. It's not about Roberto Luongo or Carey Price or Mike Smith. It's about being part of Team Canada. It doesn't matter what role you are given, you have to embrace it and accept it."

Price, who will be making his Olympic debut, said all three goalies were all mentally prepared for anyone to start the tournament. That Babcock called on him this time is a career highlight.

"I seem to have had a lot in my young life so far," Price said. "It definitely ranks up there."

It wasn't immediately clear whether Price and Luongo would dress for both games, or if Smith would get a turn. Babcock also didn't reveal if he has decided on a starter for Sunday's game against Finland.

The decision will likely be made based on how well the goalies perform in their first games. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Quoted



"Like we saw last time around, things change quickly and whoever's playing doesn't matter as long as all three guys, really, are ready to play."

Roberto Luongo, who replaced Martin Brodeur as the starter in 2010

## Women's curling. Jones benefits from risky shot played by British skip

A missed gamble by British skip Eve Muirhead allowed Canada's Jennifer Jones to remain unbeaten in women's curling round-robin play at the Sochi Olympics.

With the clock running down and her team behind 8-6 to Canada at the women's Olympic tournament, Muirhead could have played an easy draw to the button with her last stone to take a tense game to an extra end at 8-8.

Instead, she gambled on removing three tightly bunched Canadian rocks to pick up three points for the win. The move backfired, and Canada clinched a 9-6 victory to stay unbeaten in three round-robin games.

"It was a gamble but ... that's the skip," Muirhead said. "They get the glory when they make them or the slack if they miss



Jennifer Jones calls a shot during her match against Britain on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

them."

Jones said she "probably would have thrown the draw to go to the extra end."

Canada will play twice on Thursday, against Denmark followed by Switzerland.

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## Men's curling

### Jacobs rink back on top of its game to beat Russia

After a surprisingly poor start to the tournament, Brad Jacobs' rink decided to watch video clips of its victories in the national Olympic trials to fire them up.

It seemed to work, as Canada silenced a boisterous pro-Russia crowd and beat the hosts 7-4 Wednesday

in men's Olympic curling action.

The Canadian rink from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., scored four in the fifth end and held off the Russians to improve to 2-2 in the tournament. The win was a welcome relief for the Canadians, who entered the match following tough back-to-back losses to Switzerland and Sweden.

Canada is tied for fifth with Denmark in the standings. Jacobs will look to move up the rankings when his foursome faces the Danes on Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Sweden beats Czech Rep.

### Karlsson tallies twice in opening win

Erik Karlsson's impressive Olympic debut demonstrated why Sweden has more than enough talent to win it all.

Karlsson scored two goals in his first Olympic game, captain Henrik Zetterberg added a goal and Sweden beat the Czech Republic 4-2 Wednesday night in preliminary-round play in men's hockey.

Patrik Berglund also scored and Henrik Lundqvist made 27 saves as the Swedes opened the Sochi tournament with a display of their formidable offensive depth.

Also on Wednesday, Switzerland defeated Latvia 1-0 by scoring with just 7.9 seconds left in the game.

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## Alpine skiing. Maze, Gisin race to first-ever tie

Slovenia's Tina Maze and Switzerland's Dominique Gisin took different paths on an Olympic downhill filled with flats and turns, jumps and bumps, across slender trees' shadows, along snow that was icy at the top, soft at the bottom.

Any variable could have made the slightest difference over more than two and a half kilometres. Gisin, the eighth woman down the Rosa Khutor course, was good enough early and fantastic at the end. A half-hour later, starting 20th, Maze followed a tighter line, faster than Gisin most of the way, until a mistake shortly before the final leap slowed her.

Add it all up, and they were each other's equal Wednesday. Exactly, right down to the hundredth of a second. Gisin finished in one minute, 41.57



Dominique Gisin, left, and Tina Maze both won gold in the women's downhill on Wednesday. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

seconds. Maze finished in one minute, 41.57 seconds. A tie. And so two gold medals were awarded, the first time that's happened in 78 years of Olympic Alpine skiing.

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Natalie Spooner jumps on top of Meghan Agosta-Marciano of Team Canada after she scored the winning goal in the third period of Wednesday's victory over the United States in Sochi, Russia. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Canada wins first battle against U.S.

**Women's hockey.** Agosta-Marciano's two goals lifts spirits of defending champions

A 3-2 win over the archrival United States was a big boost to Canada's confidence, but history shows Wednesday's result won't mean much if the two women's hockey powers face off for Olympic gold.

But after dropping four straight exhibition games to the Americans before their arrival in Sochi, the Canadian women could feel good about themselves heading into a

Preliminary Round	
3	2
Canada	United States

four-day break before Monday's semifinal.

Canada and the U.S. already had berths in Monday's semifinals locked down before their game.

Trailing 1-0 after two periods, Meghan Agosta-Marciano of Ruthven, Ont., scored a pair of goals and had an assist for the defending champions

on her 27th birthday.

Linemate Hayley Wickenheiser of Shaunavon, Sask., who was Canada's flag-bearer in the opening ceremonies, scored a controversial goal and assisted on Agosta-Marciano's equalizer.

Charline Labonté of Boisbriand, Que., stopped 25 of 27 shots for the win and stoned Kelli Stack on a short-handed breakaway in the second period.

Coach Kevin Dineen's choice to put Labonté in goal was intriguing because Shannon Szabados has started in all world championship finals for Canada since her shutout of the Americans in the 2010 Olympic final.

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## Figure skating

### Russians win gold, silver in pairs

Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov won the

Olympic gold medal in pairs figure skating Wednesday as Russia took the top two spots to reclaim its dominance of the sport.

Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov had a near-flawless

free skate to move up from third after the short program and capture silver.

Kirsten Moore-Towers and Dylan Moscovitch were the top Canadians in fifth place.

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## MEDALS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot.
Norway	4	3	5	12
Canada	4	4	2	10
Netherlands	4	2	4	10
United States of America	3	1	5	9
Russian Federation	2	4	3	9
Germany	6	1	1	8
Austria	1	4	0	5
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
Slovenia	1	1	2	4
Sweden	0	3	1	4

## WHAT CANADA DID

### WEDNESDAY

#### ALPINE SKIING

**Women's Downhill-** Larisa Yurkiw, Owen Sound, Ont., 20th, (one minute 43.46 seconds, +1.89 seconds)

#### CURLING

**Women's Round Robin Session 4 -** Canada 9

Britain 6 (Standings: Canada 3-0, T-1st)

**Men's Round Robin Session 5 -** Canada 7 Russia 4

(Standings: Canada 2-2, T-5th)

#### FIGURE SKATING

**Pairs Free Program -** Kirsten Moore-Towers (St. Catharines, Ont.) and Dylan Moscovitch (Toronto, 5th, (131.18); Meagan Duhamel (Lively, Ont.) and Eric Radford (Balmertown, Ont.), 7th, (127.32); Paige Lawrence (Kennedy, Sask.) and Rudi Swiegers (Kipling, Sask.), 14th, (103.01).

**Final Pairs Ranking:** Kirsten Moore-Towers and Dylan Moscovitch, 5th, (202.10); Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, 7th, (199.53); Paige Lawrence and Rudi Swiegers, 14th, (161.98).

#### ICE HOCKEY

**Women's Preliminary Round - Group A -** Canada 3 United States 2 (Standings: Canada 3-0, 1st)

#### LUGE

**Doubles Run 1 -** Tristan Walker (Cochrane, Alta.) and Justin Smith (Calgary), 4th, (49.857 seconds, +0.484 of a second)

**Doubles Run 2 -** Tristan Walker and Justin Smith, 6th, (49.983 seconds, +0.423 of a second)

**Doubles Final Ranking:** Tristan Walker and Justin Smith, 4th, (one minute 39.840 seconds, +0.907 of a second)

#### SNOWBOARD

**Ladies' Halfpipe Qualification - Heat 1:** x-Alexandra Duckworth, Kingsburg, N.S., 7th, (69.75); **Heat 2:** x-Katie Tsuyuki, Toronto, 9th, (54.25); Mer-

cedes Nicoll, Whistler, B.C., 12th, (43.50).

**x-qualified for semifinals**

**Ladies' Halfpipe Semifinals -** Katie Tsuyuki, 7th, (56.25); Alexandra Duckworth, 11th, (32.50).

**Ladies' Halfpipe Final Ranking:** Katie Tsuyuki, 13th; Alexandra Duckworth, 17th; Mercedes Nicoll, 25th.

#### SPEED SKATING

**Men's 1000m -** Denny Morrison, Fort St. John, B.C., **Silver Medal**, (one minute 8.43 seconds, +0.04 of a second); Vincent De Haître, Cumberland, Ont., 20th, (1:10.04); William Dutton, Humboldt, Sask., 26th, (1:10.61); Muncif Ouadi, Quebec City, 32nd, (1:11.07).

## HOCKEY

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

All times Eastern

#### MEN

**Wednesday's results**

Sweden 4 Czech Republic 2

Switzerland 1 Latvia 0

**Thursday's games**

Finland at Austria, 3 a.m.

Russia at Slovenia, 7:30 a.m.

Slovakia at United States, 7:30 a.m.

Canada at Norway, 12 p.m.

#### WOMEN

##### Group A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Canada	3	3	0	0	0	11	2	9
United States	3	2	0	0	1	14	4	6
Finland	3	0	1	0	2	5	9	2
Switzerland	3	0	0	1	2	3	18	1

##### Group B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	0	0	5	0	6
Russia	2	2	0	0	0	6	2	6
Japan	2	0	0	0	2	1	3	0
Germany	2	0	0	0	2	1	8	0

**Note:** Three points awarded for a regulation win, two for an overtime/shootout win and one for an overtime/shootout loss.

**Wednesday's results**

Finland 4 Switzerland 3 (OT)

Canada 3 United States 2

**Tuesday's results**

Sweden 4 Germany 0

Russia 2 Japan 1

**Thursday's games**

Japan at Germany, 3 a.m.

Sweden at Russia, 12 p.m.

### CANADA 3, UNITED STATES 2

First Period — No Scoring.

**Penalties —** Lamoureux U.S. (tripping) 4:37, Ouellette Cda (holding) 10:59, Decker U.S. (Body Checking Minor) 17:47.

#### Second Period

1. United States, Knight 3 (Carpenter, Schleper) 37:34 (pp).

**Penalties —** Duggan U.S. (interference) 32:27, Johnston Cda (roughing) 32:52, Rougeau Cda (Body Checking Minor) 36:57.

#### Third Period

2. Canada, Agosta-Marciano 2 (Wickenheiser) 42:21 (pp).

3. Canada, Wickenheiser 2 (Spoonier, Agosta-Marciano) 43:54.

4. Canada, Agosta-Marciano 3 (unassisted) 54:55.

5. United States, Schleper 1 (Decker, Lamoureux) 58:55.

**Penalties —** Decker U.S. (tripping) 40:53, Pucci U.S. (hooking) 51:59.

#### Shots

Canada 8 11 12-31

United States 11 13 3-27

**Goal —** Canada: Labonte (W); United States: Vetter (L). **Power plays (goal-chances) —** Canada: 1-5; United States: 1-4.

**Attendance —** 4,812 at Sochi, Russia.

## CURLING

All Times Eastern

#### MEN

**Wednesday's results**

Canada 7 Russia 4

United States 9 Denmark 5

Norway 8 Germany 5

China 5 Switzerland 4

China 11 Germany 7

Britain 4 Switzerland 2

Denmark 8 Sweden 5

**Thursday's games**

Switzerland vs. Russia, 5 a.m.

Canada vs. Denmark, 5 a.m.

Norway vs. Sweden, 5 a.m.

Britain vs. United States, 5 a.m.

#### WOMEN

**Wednesday's results**

Canada 9 Britain 6

Japan 8 Russia 4

China 7 United States 4

Sweden 7 South Korea 4

**Thursday's games**

Canada vs. Denmark, 12 a.m.

China vs. Britain, 12 a.m.

Switzerland vs. Sweden, 12 a.m.

Sweden vs. Denmark, 10 a.m.

Russia vs. South Korea, 10 a.m.

Switzerland vs. Canada, 10 a.m.

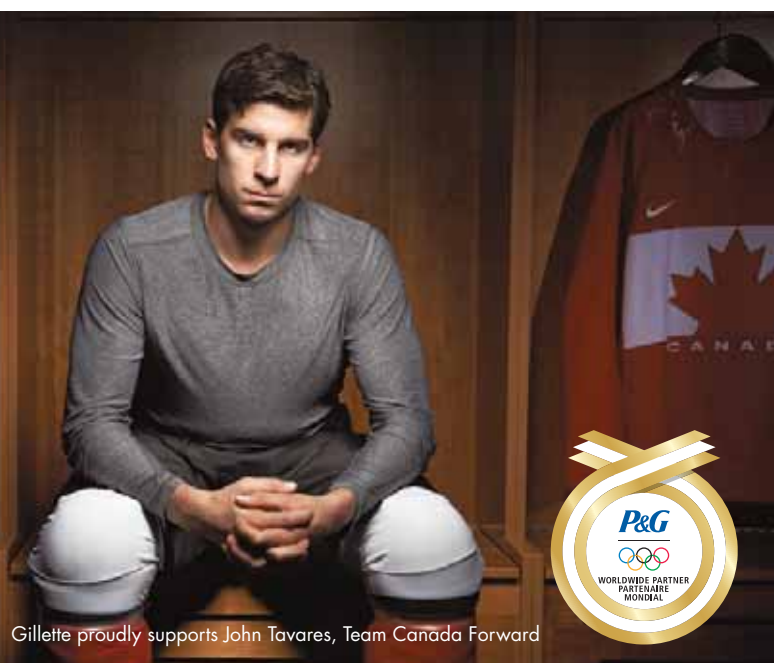
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The team of Tristan Walker and Justin Smith from Canada slide down the track past spectators during the men's doubles luge on Wednesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. NATACHA PISARENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Lugers seeking magic slide ride

**Relay.** Canada looks to break the ice with first ever Olympic medal

The Canadian luge team members know they can compete with the best in the world.

On Thursday, they'll have another chance to finally break through on the Olympic stage and make Canadian luge history in the process.

Calgary sliders Justin Smith, Sam Edney and Alex Gough will team with Tristan Walker of Cochrane, Alta., in the team relay event at the Sochi Games. It's the Olympic debut for the format, which has one woman, one man and one doubles team compete together.

The Canadians will try to build off the strong results from Gough in the women's singles and Smith and Walker in the men's doubles. They finished fourth in their respective events, coming very close to winning Canada's first-ever Olympic medal in luge.

## Doubles trouble

### Walker, Smith nudged off the podium

Canada's Tristan Walker and Justin Smith were a whisker away from becoming the first Canadians to win an Olympic luge medal Wednesday night, coming just five-100ths of a second short of a podium appearance at the Sochi Games.

Their sixth career fourth-place finish hurt a little more because it was such a

slim margin.

Walker, from Cochrane, Alta., and Smith, from Calgary, had two strong runs at the Sanki Sliding Centre and were sitting third overall when the final duo came down the track.

Tobias Wendt and Tobias Arlt of Germany posted the fastest time of the second run to move into top spot and knock the Canadians to fourth. Austrian brothers Andreas and Wolfgang Linger won silver and Latvia's Andris and Juris Sics took bronze. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

"I'm just hoping to come out and slide like I did (Tuesday)," Gough said. "Sam, Tristan, Justin and I love racing the team relay. We've raced it together as a team for the last four years.

"Regardless of whatever happened in any of our races, we get to come out and race as a team and we love doing it."

In the relay, all competitors begin from the same

starting point.

When the first sledder makes it down the course at Sanki Sliding Center, they must hit a touch pad past the finish line to release the gate and allow the next team member to start.

The country with the fastest cumulative time wins. If a team member fails to hit the finish pad, it will result in disqualification.

## Emotions and emoticons

**"Maintain our tenacity, keep banging our heads an extra day and hopefully we'll have a smiley face."**

Canadian luge coach Wolf Staudinger on Canada's perseverance to reach the podium

Canada won silver in the relay at the 2013 world championship and has a strong chance of reaching the podium here. Germany and Italy are also expected to be medal contenders.

Edney finished 11th in the men's singles competition last weekend. That race was won by Felix Loch, who will anchor the favoured German team that includes Natalie Geisenberger, Tobias Wendt and Tobias Arlt.

Germany won gold at the 2013 world championships and has four World Cup victories this season. Italy, Latvia, Austria, the U.S., and Canada all have good shots of reaching the podium.

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## NBA. DeRozan on his All Star game vs. Hawks

The Toronto Raptors took care of business in their final game before the All-Star break, defeating the Atlanta Hawks 104-83.

First-time All-Star DeMar DeRozan led the way for Toronto with 31 points, Kyle Lowry added a 16-point, 13-assist double-double and Patrick Patterson scored 14 in his second start of the season.

Patterson started in place of Amir Johnson, who missed his second consecutive game to rest a sore right ankle.

The challenge of the last game before an extended break is keeping everyone focused.

On Wednesday night, the Raptors got off to a slow start, but found themselves trailing by only five after the first quarter, despite shooting just 29 per cent from the floor. They woke up in the second quarter and took a 45-44 lead into the half.

Toronto had a strong start to the third quarter, opening on a 7-0 run to take an eight-point lead and force the Hawks into a timeout. The Raptors didn't look back from there.

Thanks to a brilliant quarter from DeRozan, the Raptors stretched their lead to double figures midway through the third and outscored the Hawks 33-21 to take a 78-65 advantage into the fourth quarter.

After scoring 11 points in the first half, DeRozan exploded for 14 in the quarter, on 5-for-6 shooting including two three-pointers and a three-point play.

"He's done a great job every



Raptors guard Kyle Lowry passes the ball as he is double-teamed by Hawks Jeff Teague, left, and Gustavo Ayon in Toronto on Wednesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

On Wednesday

104

83

Raptors

Hawks

year of getting better," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said before the game. "I know he won't get complacent, because he's such a conscientious guy. He's a basketball junkie. I don't see him taking time off this summer just because he made the All-Star team."

The Raptors resume their season in Washington against the Wizards on Tuesday after the New Orleans All-Star festivities. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Brampton beast beats buzzer

Tyler Ennis of the Syracuse Orange battles for a rebound against Talib Zanna of the Pittsburgh Panthers during an NCAA basketball game in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. Ennis, from Brampton, Ont., made a 35-footer at the buzzer and No. 1 Syracuse remained unbeaten (24-0) with a 58-56 win. **JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES**

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Horoscopes

**Aries**

March 21 - April 20

You need to be a bit more mysterious, especially on the work front. Keep both colleagues and rivals at arm's length and don't forget that knowledge is power.

**Taurus**

April 21 - May 21

If you say one thing but do another, you leave yourself open to charges of hypocrisy. You don't need to cut corners or bend the truth. You have so much going for you that you will still come out ahead.

**Gemini**

May 22 - June 21

As your ruler, Mercury, continues its retrograde phase, you need to be on your guard. It's likely that someone will try to cheat you in some way. But now that you know that, it won't be so easy.

**Cancer**

June 22 - July 23

Your mind may be working fast and you may have come to conclusions that satisfy you but are you sure they're correct? Listen to your inner voice and act on what it tells you, even if you don't understand it.

**Leo**

July 24 - Aug. 23

One of your secrets could be dangerous if others get to know about it. Make sure you don't say anything today that might give your opponents a clue what you've been up to.

**Virgo**

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's important that you are honest about your feelings. If you keep them to yourself, negative emotions may build up to the point where an outburst of some sort is more likely than not.

**Libra**

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Be careful what you say over the next few days because certain people won't take kindly to you making light of things that they take seriously.

**Scorpio**

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

There is still time to make your feelings known. But if you leave it too late in the day, the opportunity will slip by and it won't come again for quite a while. Don't worry that you might be rejected.

**Sagittarius**

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You'll get more done if you take a gentler approach to partnership matters. Put yourself in their shoes and imagine how you'd feel if someone talked to you the way you talk to them at times.

**Capricorn**

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may want to be open but with communications planet Mercury now moving retrograde, you would be wise not to give too much away. Anyone asking personal questions is not to be trusted.

**Aquarius**

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you need to make some extra money then you will have to go into partnership with someone who shares your ambitions. You will also need to have a contract that commits you both.

**Pisces**

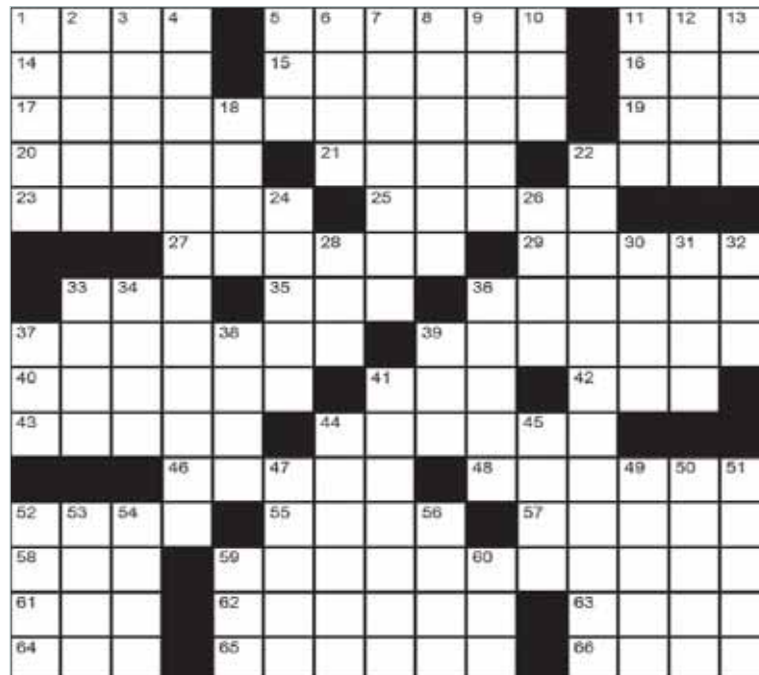
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may not be as ambitious as some but you have no end of dreams you would like to see come true. One dream has your attention now, but is it a realistic dream or is it a fantasy dream? **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

**Across**

1. Very, in Versailles
5. Lightly blots: 2 wds.
11. Stir
14. Retro-style pop syllable
15. "Game of Thrones" actress Ms. Clarke
16. Cut back
17. "Roxy Roller" band from Vancouver: 2 wds.
19. Litigate
20. France's capital, colloquially
21. \_\_\_ Brasi, "The Godfather" (1972) enforcer
22. Cob's stuff
23. "Man of Steel" (2013) director, Zack \_\_\_
25. Lord's house
27. Swiped
29. Jabbed
33. 'Neat' suffix
35. Food container
36. U2 tune
37. Anastasia's family, House of \_\_\_
39. Historic theatre in Russia
40. Sam Worthington movie
41. Oz musical, The \_\_\_
42. Initials-sharers of Miranda's portrayal on "Sex and the City"
43. "\_\_\_, with Love" (1967)
44. Roman orator
46. Man-made



**Down**

1. Chef's li'l amounts
61. Guys
62. Actor, Haley Joel
63. Rihanna's "\_\_\_ Boy"
64. Lumberjack's tool
65. Styles
66. River of Flanders

2. "Laugh-In" co-host Dan
3. Manicurist's board
4. SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport: 2 wds.
5. Billy Williams link
6. \_\_\_ acetate (Banana oil)
7. Tar-like deposit found in Alberta's oil
8. BC's \_\_\_ Valley
9. Mr. Quinn
10. Bit
11. Too
12. Glum
13. Airy
18. Old depilatory brand
22. SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

24. Revolving mechanism
26. German-built car
28. Ms. Tyler
30. "Jeopardy": 1983 hit for The Greg \_\_\_ Band
31. Greek Myth: God of love
32. Agnus \_\_\_ (Mass prayer)
33. De \_\_\_ (Again, in Latin)
34. "Misty" line: "Look at me / \_\_\_ helpless as a kitten up a tree..."
36. Bakery quantity
37. Rodent
38. \_\_\_ a soul
39. Pen brand
41. City in southern Manitoba's Pembina Valley
44. Structure support in architecture
45. Tabula \_\_\_ (Clean slate)
47. Rent
49. Position, fancy-style
50. Lyric poem variety
51. Lou Grant's port-trayer Ed
52. Tomato type
53. Wild goat
54. Ten - One = This
56. Rational
59. 1990s fad game disc
60. Liq. measures

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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